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## THE HEDGEHOG



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After ten long years, the iron-fisted rule of DOCTOR ROBOTNIK over planet MOBIUS was believed to have finally ended! With the technological tyrant vanquished and his polluted factories shut down, order and beauty were restored to the city of MOBOTROPOLIS. Now the villain has returned to wreak havoc once more, but there are many who are willing to stand against him in the fight for freedom. The bravest among them is a brash, blue streak who just happens to be the fastest thing alive!

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In the last issue, Sonic and The Freedom Fighters were treated to a day in the Hidden City of the Ancients known as Station Square. Sonic, Tails and Amy Rose went exploring while Sally, Nate, Antoine and Bunnie stayed with the Mayor. It is now night time in Station Square and Sonic is on the prowl...

The last time we saw Knuckles The Echidna, he was searching the Mystic Ruins for clues as to Dr. Robotnik's whereabouts. Little does he know that the inhabitants of the area surrounding it have invaded the non-Floating Island and taken the Chaotix hostage...

In last issue's solo story, we saw Amy Rose shop all over Station Square until she came across a Flickie Bird. He was being chased by one of Robotnik's scanning droids due to the unusual jewel around his neck. She tries to protect him and is herself kidnapped. Find out what happens to her as we explore E-102's origin in this issue...

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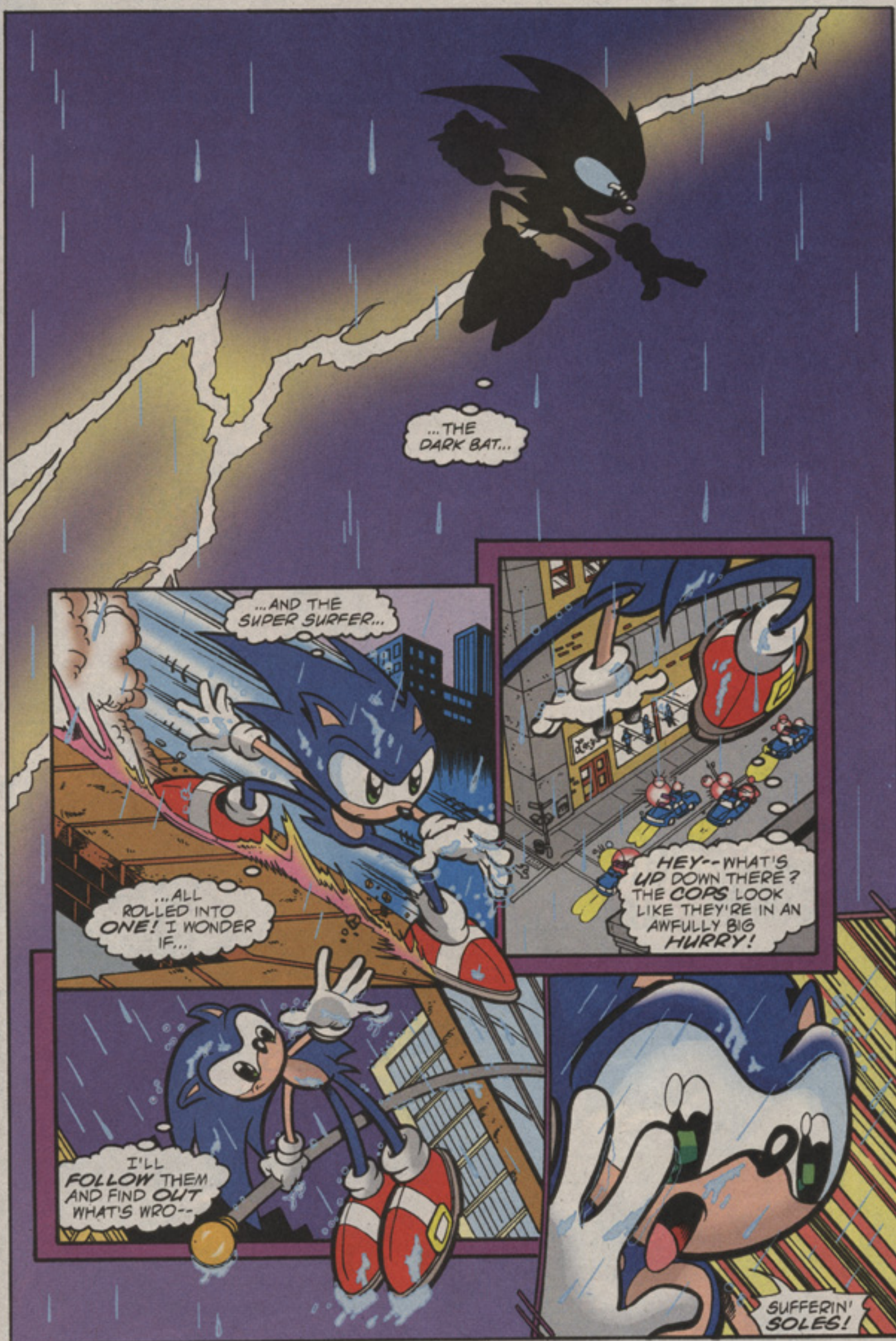
**SONIC**

THE HEDGEHOG  
IN

**NIGHT OF  
CHAOS!**

THIS TOWN IS  
**AWESOME**--NOTHING  
LIKE **KNOTHOLE**. I  
FEEL LIKE MY FAVORITE  
COMIC BOOK ADVENTURE  
HEROES...THE  
RUSH...





...THE  
DARK BAT...

...AND THE  
SUPER SURFER...

...ALL  
ROLLED INTO  
ONE! I WONDER  
IF...

HEY--WHAT'S  
UP DOWN THERE?  
THE COPS LOOK  
LIKE THEY'RE IN AN  
AWFULLY BIG  
HURRY!

I'LL  
FOLLOW THEM  
AND FIND OUT  
WHAT'S WRO--

SUFFERIN'  
SOLES!





WHAT'S  
UP?

YOU ARE  
COMPLETELY  
SURROUNDED!  
SURRENDER  
YOURSELF!

**SPLASH  
SPLASH**

LOCK  
ON TARGET,  
MEN!  
READY...  
FIRE!

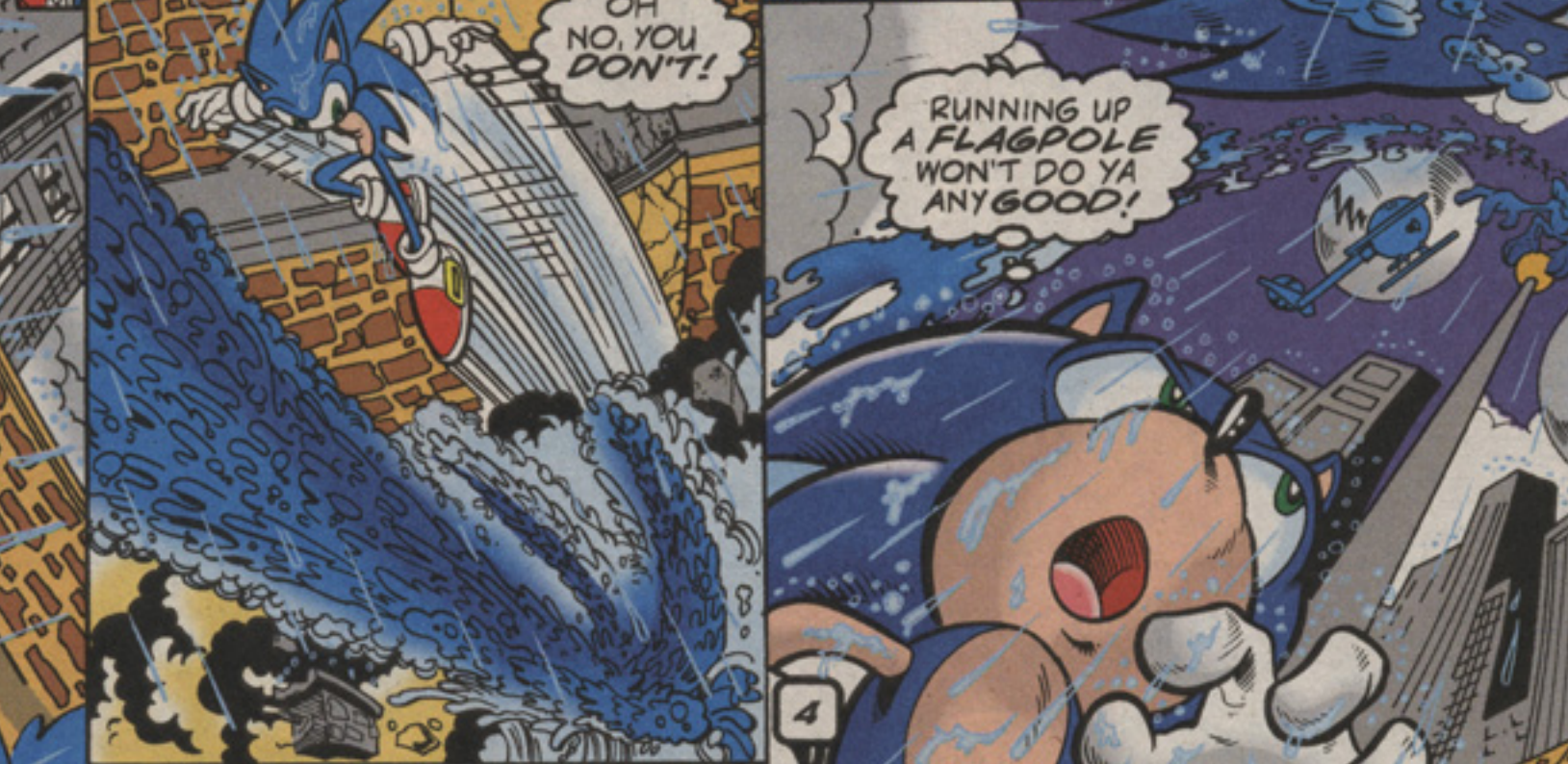
**BLAM BLAM BLAM**

"OH NO! OUR  
WEAPONS ARE  
USELESS!"

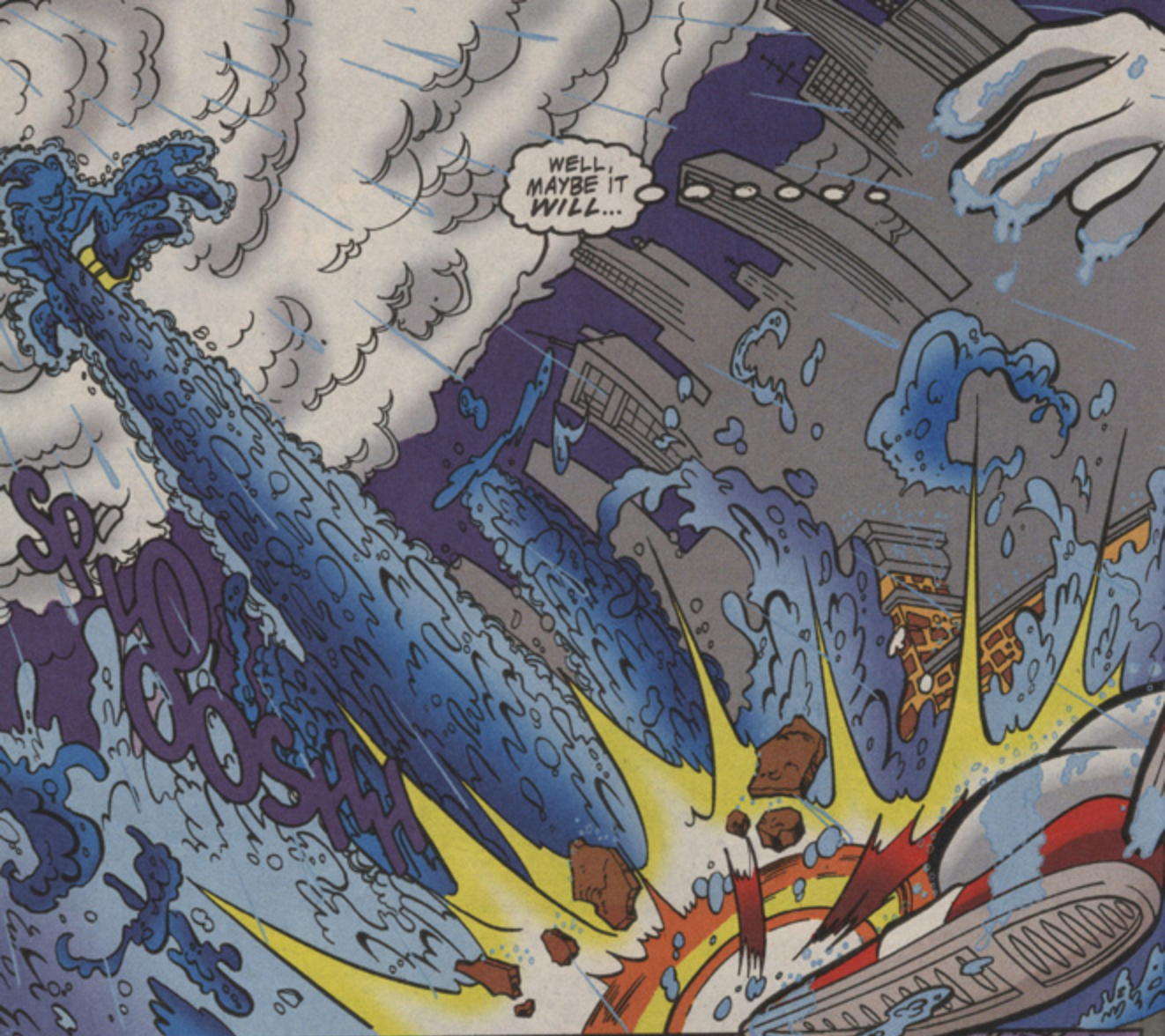
RETREAT!  
ALL PERSONNEL--  
PULL BACK!

UGH!









WELL,  
MAYBE IT  
WILL...



IN THE WORDS  
OF MY DEAR OL' UNCLE  
CHUCK: 'WHAT GOES  
UP...



KER-

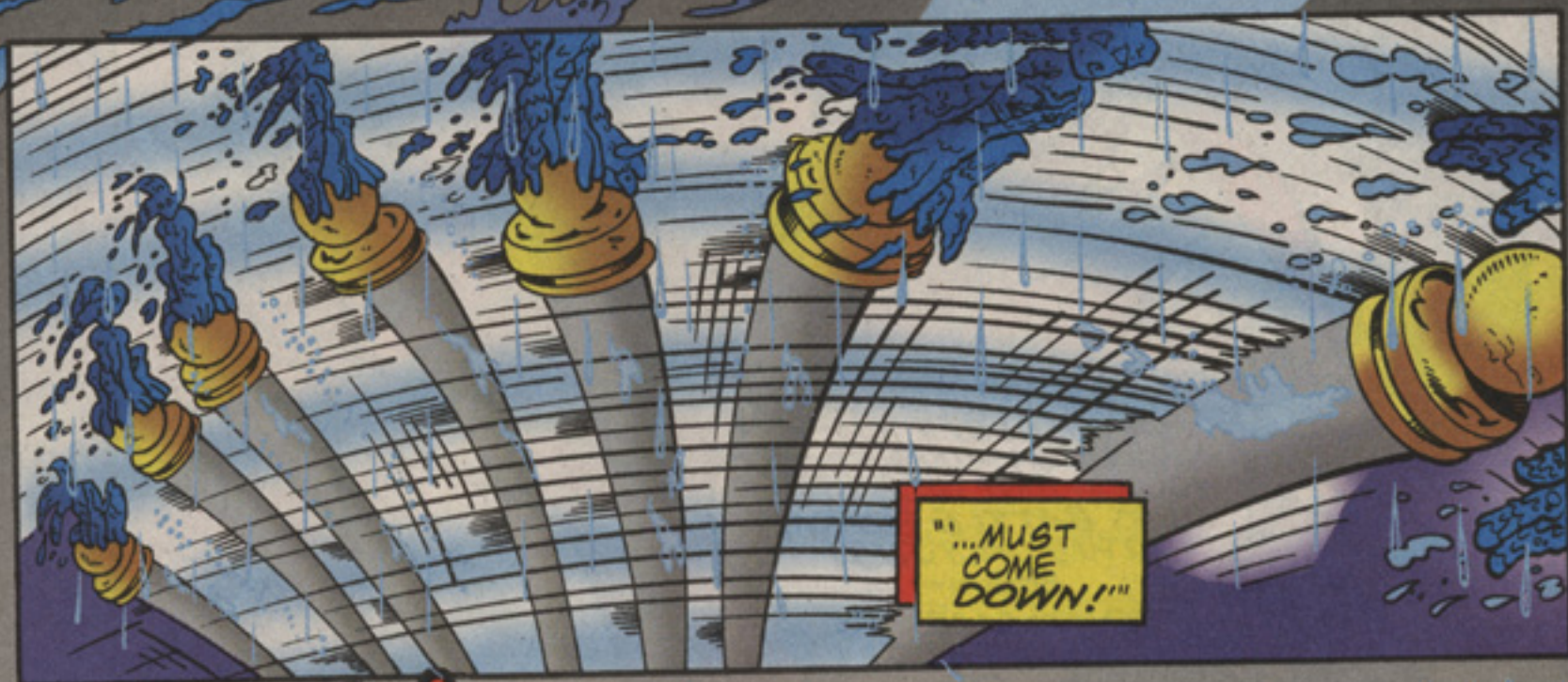


COME  
ON, YA BIG  
DRIP--





...BUT IT  
DOESN'T MEAN  
I'M GONNA GIVE  
UP THE FIGHT  
THAT EASILY!



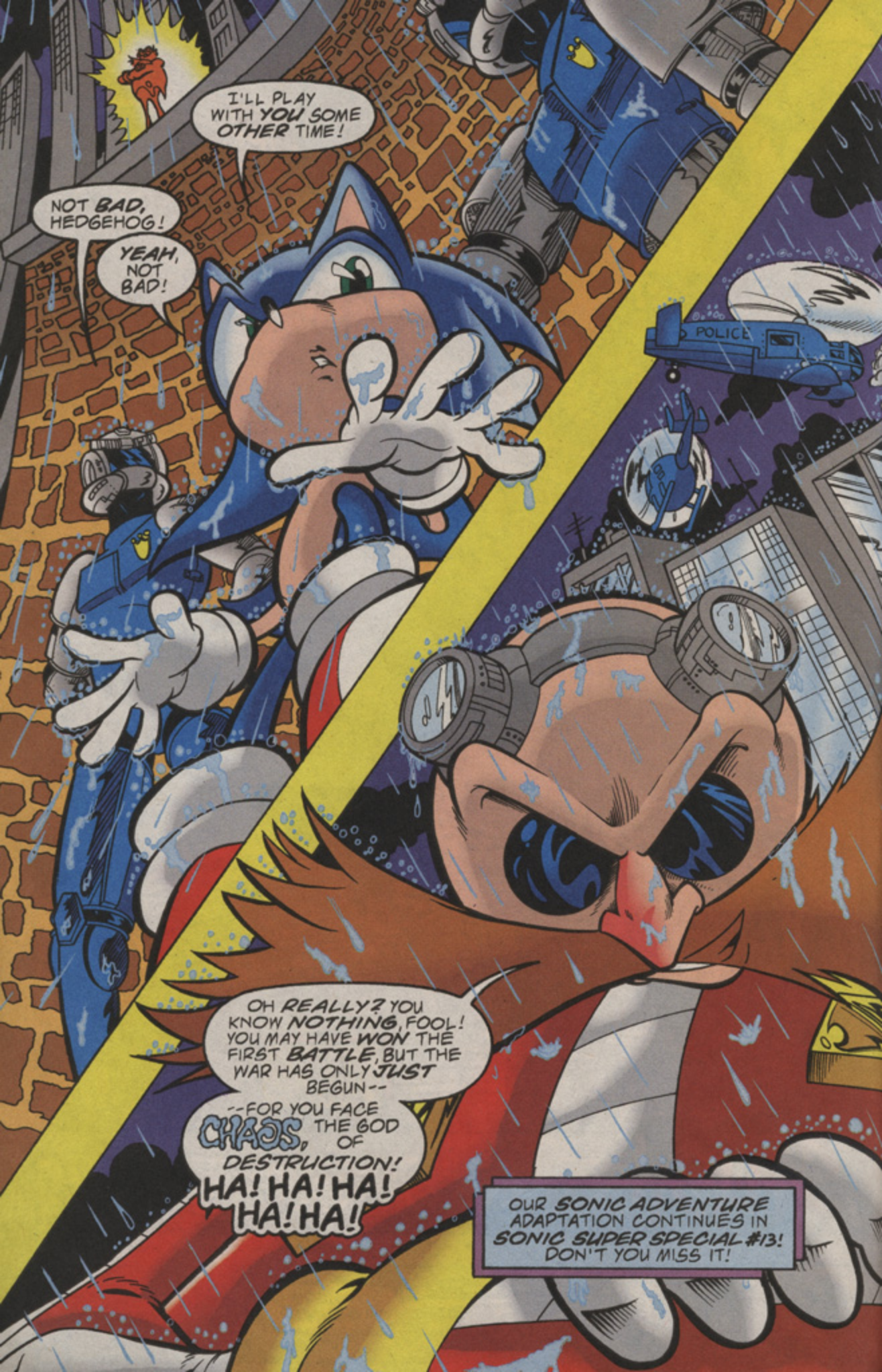
"...MUST  
COME  
DOWN!"

**SPLISH**



--WHERE  
YA GOIN'?



A dynamic comic book panel depicting a rain-soaked confrontation between Sonic the Hedgehog and Dr. Eggman. Sonic, in the center, is drenched in rain, looking back over his shoulder with a determined expression. Dr. Eggman, in the foreground, is also soaked, wearing his signature goggles and a mischievous grin. A thick yellow beam of light cuts diagonally across the scene. In the background, a city street is visible with rain falling heavily. Several blue police vehicles, including a car and a helicopter, are present. A small orange figure is seen running away in the upper left corner. The scene is filled with energy and action.

I'LL PLAY  
WITH YOU SOME  
OTHER TIME!

NOT BAD,  
HEDGEHOG!

YEAH,  
NOT  
BAD!

OH REALLY? YOU  
KNOW **NOTHING**, FOOL!  
YOU MAY HAVE WON THE  
FIRST **BATTLE**, BUT THE  
WAR HAS ONLY **JUST**  
BEGUN--

--FOR YOU FACE  
**CHAOS**, THE GOD  
OF  
DESTRUCTION!  
**HA! HA! HA!**  
**HA! HA!**

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Born to the most noble of Echidna houses, the latest to continue the family heritage and responsibility as Guardian of The Floating Island, defender of all against the forces of evil from the world beyond as well as those who would threaten from within!

ARCHIE COMICS AND SEGA PRESENT... KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA!

THIS LOOKS  
SWEET, WHATEVER  
IT IS!

KIND OF  
SOME WEAPON,  
I GUESS!

DOOR  
to the  
PAST

BET THIS WOULD  
BE NASTY TO USE  
IN A FIGHT!

NEVER SAW ANYTHING  
LIKE THIS USED BY  
ANY ECHIDNA I CAN  
THINK OF!

WHOA!

MY  
HEAD!

FEELING KINDA  
WOOZY ALL OF A  
SUDDEN!

SEEING COLORS  
FLASH BEFORE  
MY EYES!

LOOKS  
PRETTY,  
THOUGH!

DO  
NOT WORRY,  
KNUCKLES--





--FOR IT IS ONLY I, **TIKAL**, AND I NEED YOUR HELP!

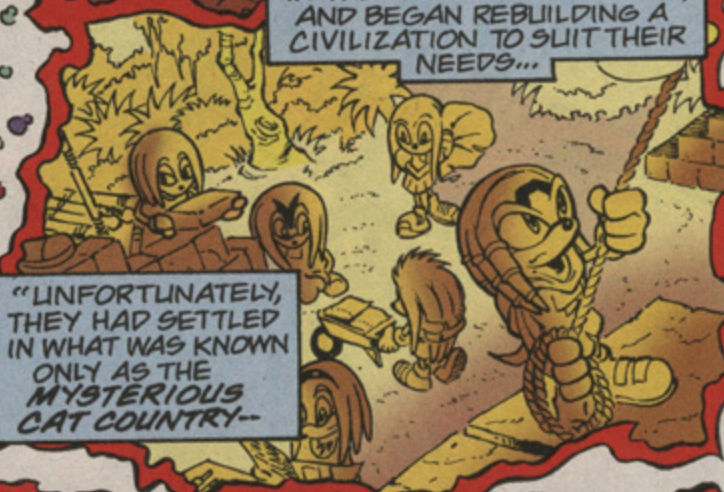
MY HELP? FOR WHAT?!!

YOU MAY BE AN **ECHIDNA**, BUT THAT **ALONE** DOESN'T CUT ANY ICE WITH ME!

"VERY WELL, **KNICKLES**, MY TALE BEGINS LONG AGO, WHEN A BOAT-LOAD OF **ECHIDNAS** DEPARTED **ALBION** FOR THE HIGH SEAS...



"EVENTUALLY, THEY LANDED IN THE **NEW TERRITORIES**, AND BEGAN REBUILDING A CIVILIZATION TO SUIT THEIR NEEDS...



"UNFORTUNATELY, THEY HAD SETTLED IN WHAT WAS KNOWN ONLY AS THE **MYSTERIOUS CAT COUNTRY**--



--AND SOON FOUND THEMSELVES FIGHTING FOR THEIR LIVES WITH THE **NATIVE INHABITANTS**...

"THE **WARRIOR CASTE** KNOWN AS THE **KNICKLES CLAN** DECIDED TO STAY AND DEFEND THEIR TERRITORY, BUT THE **SCIENTISTS** WANTED NO PART OF ANY FURTHER **BLOODSHED**... AND SO THEY DEPARTED..."<sup>1</sup>



"MY FATHER, **PACHAMAC**, SEETHED FURIOUSLY INSIDE, ANGERED AT THE **BETRAYAL** BY THOSE WHO NEEDED THE **KNICKLES CLAN** IN THE FIRST PLACE IN ORDER TO MOUNT THE EXPEDITION...



"MANY YEARS LATER, WHEN I WAS GROWN--



"--WE CHANCED UPON THE MYSTIC RUINS--"

WHO BUILT IT? AND WHY TIKAL?

IT MAY BEHOOVE US TO LEARN, FATHER!

"--WHERE WE DISCOVERED THE CHAO..."

WHAT STRANGE, BEAUTIFUL CREATURES, FATHER!

MAYBE THIS IS THEIR HOME!

"BEFORE FATHER COULD EVALUATE OUR DISCOVERY FURTHER, HE RECEIVED AN URGENT MESSAGE FROM ONE OF HIS SCOUTS..."

THE CAT CREATURES ARE PREPARING TO STRIKE BACK, LORD PACHAMAC!

"NOT WANTING ME TO TAKE PART IN ACTIVE COMBAT, FATHER ORDERED ME TO STAY BEHIND AT THE RUINS WHILE HE GATHERED HIS TROOPS FOR BATTLE..."

FATHER TOLD ME TO KEEP MY DISTANCE--

--BUT THESE BIRD-LIKE BEINGS SEEM SO PLAYFUL AND HAPPY.

MAYBE I CAN COMMUNICATE WITH THEM!

HELLO, MY NAME IS TIKAL.

AND--I DON'T BELIEVE THIS--

--I CAN UNDERSTAND YOU!

OH! DO YOU LIVE HERE AS WELL?

"THE BEING I CAME TO KNOW AS CHAO DIDN'T SPEAK, BUT HE MADE HIS INTENTIONS KNOWN JUST THE SAME--"

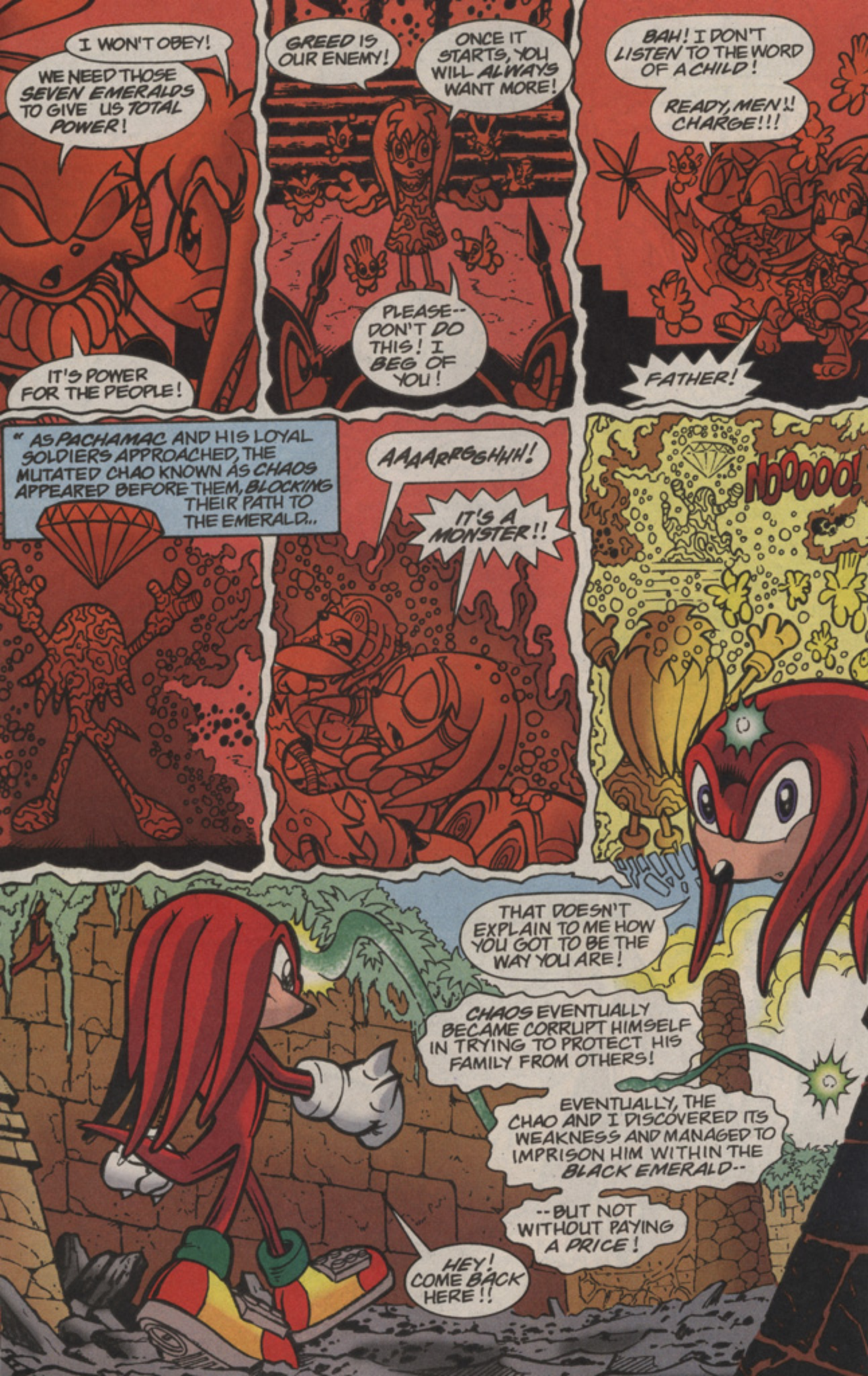
YOU WANT TO BE FRIENDS?

A PLEASURE TO MEET YOU!

"HOWEVER, THE BATTLE WITH THE CAT CREATURES WENT BADLY, AND THE ONLY THING THAT WOULD SAVE MY PEOPLE WERE THE SEVEN EMERALDS--"

"--BUT THEY BELONGED TO THE CHAO, WHO HAD NO DESIRE TO BE INVOLVED IN ANYONE'S WAR!"





I WON'T OBEY!

WE NEED THOSE  
SEVEN EMERALDS  
TO GIVE US TOTAL  
POWER!

IT'S POWER  
FOR THE PEOPLE!

GREED IS  
OUR ENEMY!

ONCE IT  
STARTS, YOU  
WILL ALWAYS  
WANT MORE!

BAH! I DON'T  
LISTEN TO THE WORD  
OF A CHILD!

READY, MEN!!  
CHARGE!!!

PLEASE--  
DON'T DO  
THIS! I  
BEG OF  
YOU!

FATHER!

"AS PACHAMAC AND HIS LOYAL  
SOLDIERS APPROACHED, THE  
MUTATED CHAO KNOWN AS CHAOS  
APPEARED BEFORE THEM, BLOCKING  
THEIR PATH TO THE EMERALD...

AAAAARRGHHH!

IT'S A  
MONSTER!!

Noooooo!

THAT DOESN'T  
EXPLAIN TO ME HOW  
YOU GOT TO BE THE  
WAY YOU ARE!

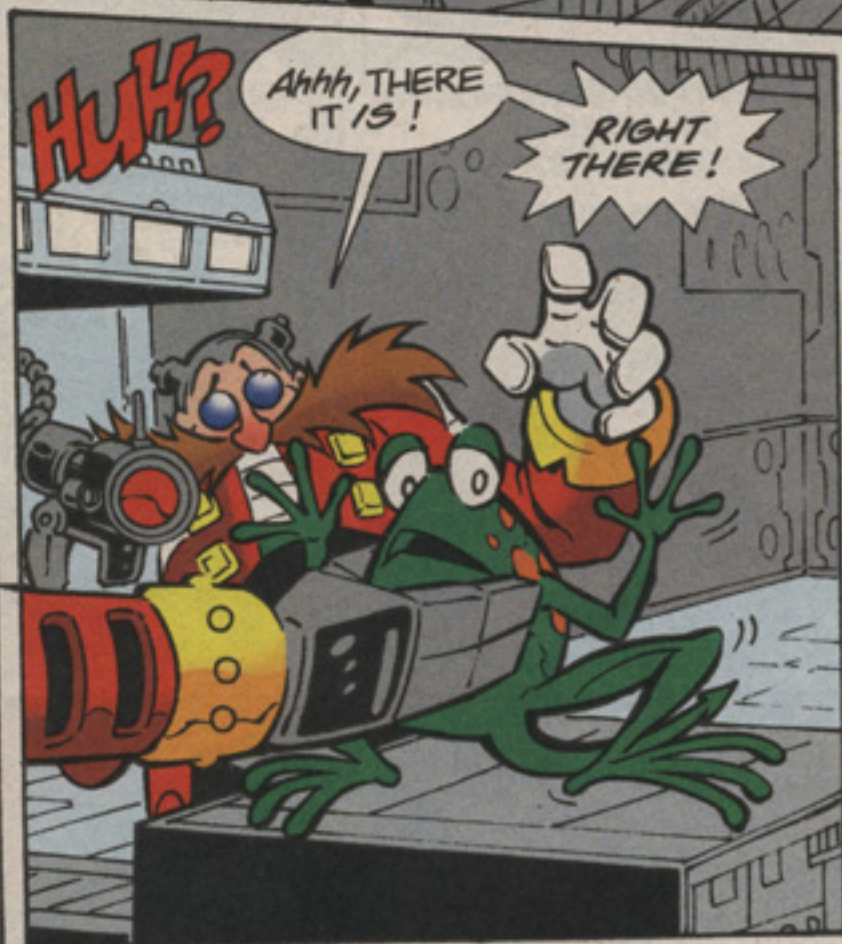
CHAOS EVENTUALLY  
BECAME CORRUPT HIMSELF  
IN TRYING TO PROTECT HIS  
FAMILY FROM OTHERS!

EVENTUALLY, THE  
CHAO AND I DISCOVERED ITS  
WEAKNESS AND MANAGED TO  
IMPRISON HIM WITHIN THE  
BLACK EMERALD--

--BUT NOT  
WITHOUT PAYING  
A PRICE!

HEY!  
COME BACK  
HERE!!





**LATER...**



(ENDNOTE: REFER TO E-102 BACK-UP STORY CONCERNING WHAT HAPPENED TO THE OTHER E-100 SERIES ROBOTS.)



-- MY  
MATTER / ENERGY  
TRANSMUTER --

-- CAPABLE OF ABSORBING  
WHATEVER CHAOS ENERGY YOUR  
BODY POSSESSES AS WELL AS SAMPLING  
YOUR DNA PATTERN FOR REUSE  
IN ANOTHER FORM!

A BRILLIANT  
DEVICE, IF I DO SAY  
SO MYSELF, FOR YOU  
SEE MY FRIEND  
PULSATING NEXT  
TO YOU--?

HE'S THE  
INTENDED BENEFICIARY  
OF YOUR  
COOPERATION!

DON'T WORRY!!  
THIS WON'T HURT--  
MUCH!!

MY, MY!  
WILL YOU LOOK  
AT THAT!!

AFTER SO MUCH  
EFFORT!! AFTER  
SO MUCH  
BLOOD, SWEAT  
AND TEARS, WE  
FINALLY HAVE--

CHAOSS!

AND BELIEVE ME, IT DOESN'T  
GET ANY BETTER THAN THIS!

NOW, GO! SNIFF OUT THE  
REST OF THOSE EMERALDS!

THERE'S A WORLD  
WAITING FOR YOU  
TO BE  
UNLEASHED  
UPON--



"--AND SOME ENEMIES OF MINE TO ELIMINATE ONCE AND FOR ALL!"

WE HAVE KEPT TO OURSELVES FOR AS LONG AS CAN BE REMEMBERED--

--AND YET, ONCE AGAIN, WE ARE INVADED BY OUTSIDERS SUCH AS YOURSELVES!

WE BELIEVE THOSE FROM YOUR ISLAND POSE A THREAT TO US--

--UNLESS YOU CAN CONVINCE US OTHERWISE!

YOU MAY RULE, BUT I'M NO FOOL!

I HEAR YOUR RAP, I SAY YOU'RE FULL OF CR--

**VECTOR!!!  
SHOW SOME  
RESPECT!!**

I'D WATCH MY MOUTH IF I WERE YOU!

WE TEND TO EAT OUR YOUNG IF THEY GET OUT OF LINE!

THAT'S SO DISGUSTING!

I MEAN, YOUR MAJESTY, YOU'RE JUST KIDDING, RIGHT?

OH, GROSS!

SHE'D BETTER BE, BECAUSE IF SHE ISN'T--

HUH?





--THE KNUCKLES CLAN  
IS PREPARED TO REFIGHT  
THE WAR YOUR KIND STARTED  
YEARS AGO!

FOLLOW KNUCKLES, CHAOS,  
& DR. ROBOTNIK INTO  
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AND CHECK OUT SONIC #84  
FOR THE CONTINUATION OF  
LOCKE VS. THE CAT PEOPLE.





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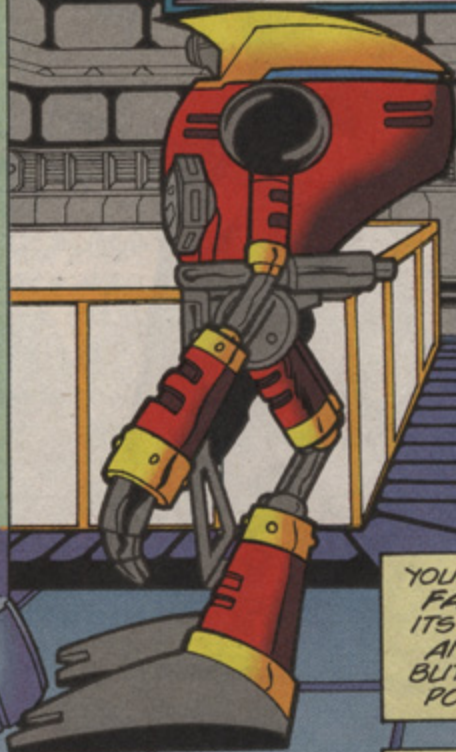
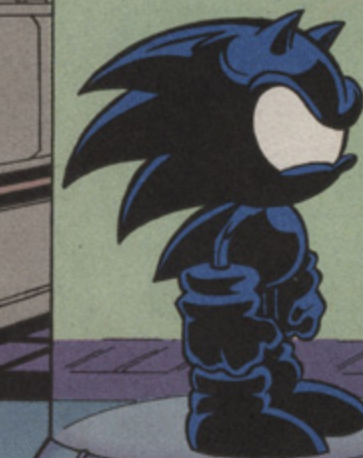


# E-102

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## Double-Crossed CIRCUITS

YOU'VE NEVER SEEN  
ANYTHING QUITE LIKE  
IT, HAVE YOU, E-102?



YOUR SENSORS REGISTER  
FAMILIARITY WITH  
ITS RAW MATERIALS  
AND COMPONENTS,  
BUT ITS SHAPE IS  
POSITIVELY ALIEN.

AND ITS PURPOSE?  
IS IT IN ANY WAY  
SIMILAR TO YOURS?

EXCELLENT! ALL  
SYSTEMS --FULL  
POWER!

LOOK AT ME! I'M  
YOUR BRILLIANT  
CREATOR, DR.  
ROBOTNIK!

YOU'RE THE  
SECOND IN MY E-100  
MODEL MACHINES.

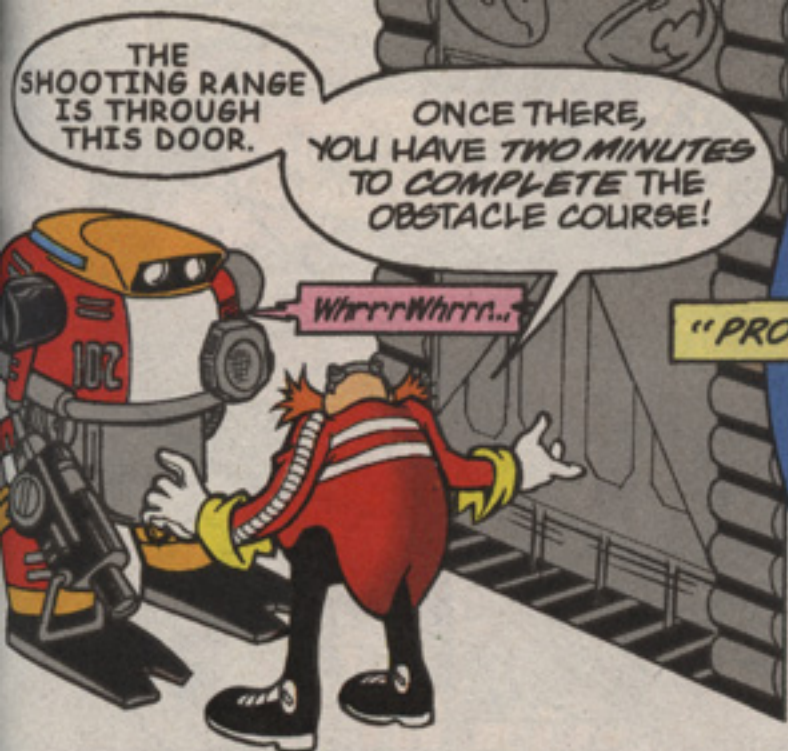
Whrrr...  
BEEP BEEP BEEP...  
Kiik!

E-102  
CODENAME:  
GAMMA!

- GAMMA

THAT'S RIGHT!  
YOU WILL NOW  
OBEY ONLY ME!



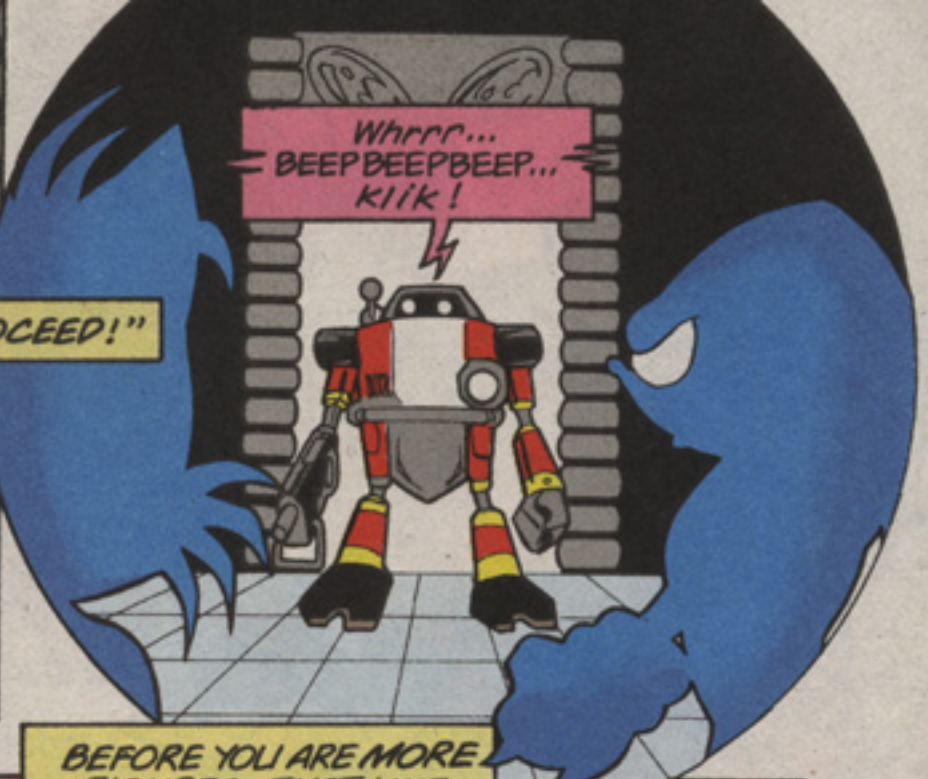


THE SHOOTING RANGE IS THROUGH THIS DOOR.

ONCE THERE, YOU HAVE TWO MINUTES TO COMPLETE THE OBSTACLE COURSE!

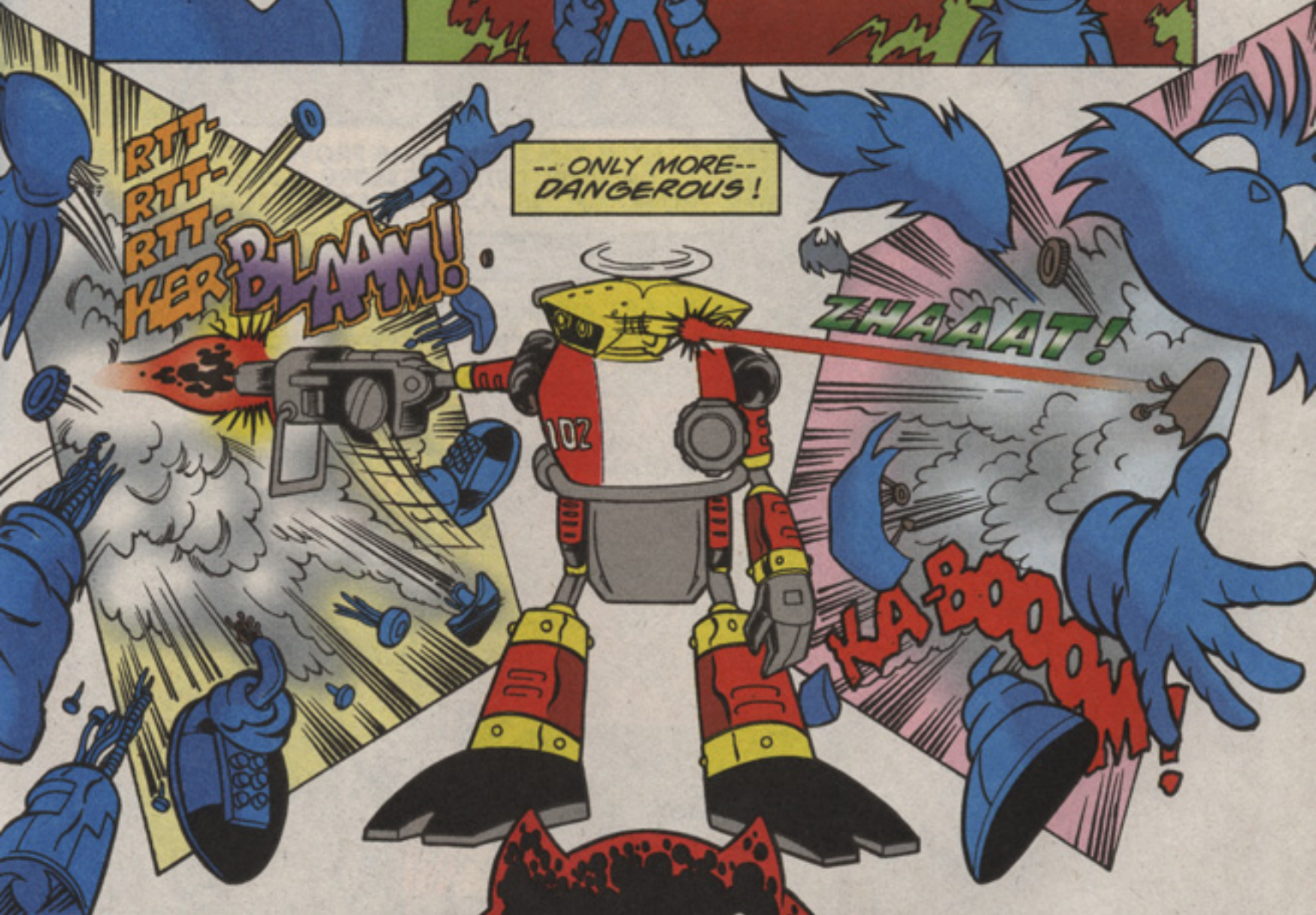
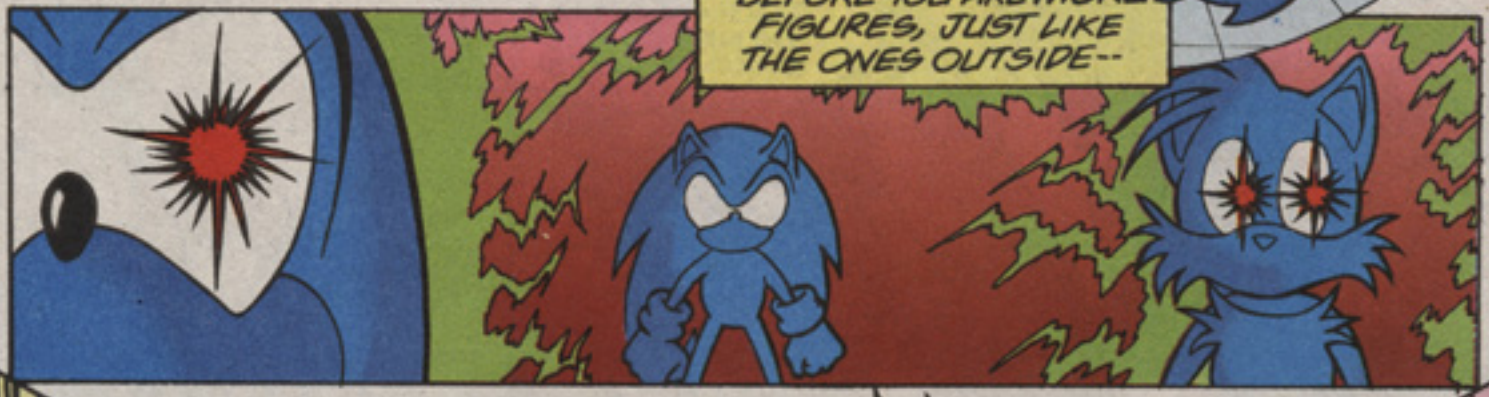
WhrrrWhrrr...

"PROCEED!"



Whrrr...  
BEEP BEEP BEEP...  
Klik!

BEFORE YOU ARE MORE FIGURES, JUST LIKE THE ONES OUTSIDE--



-- ONLY MORE--  
DANGEROUS!

ZHAAT!

KA BOOOOM!



NOW ONLY ONE STANDS IN YOUR WAY...





--TO GET AN AMPHIBIAN LIFEFORM!

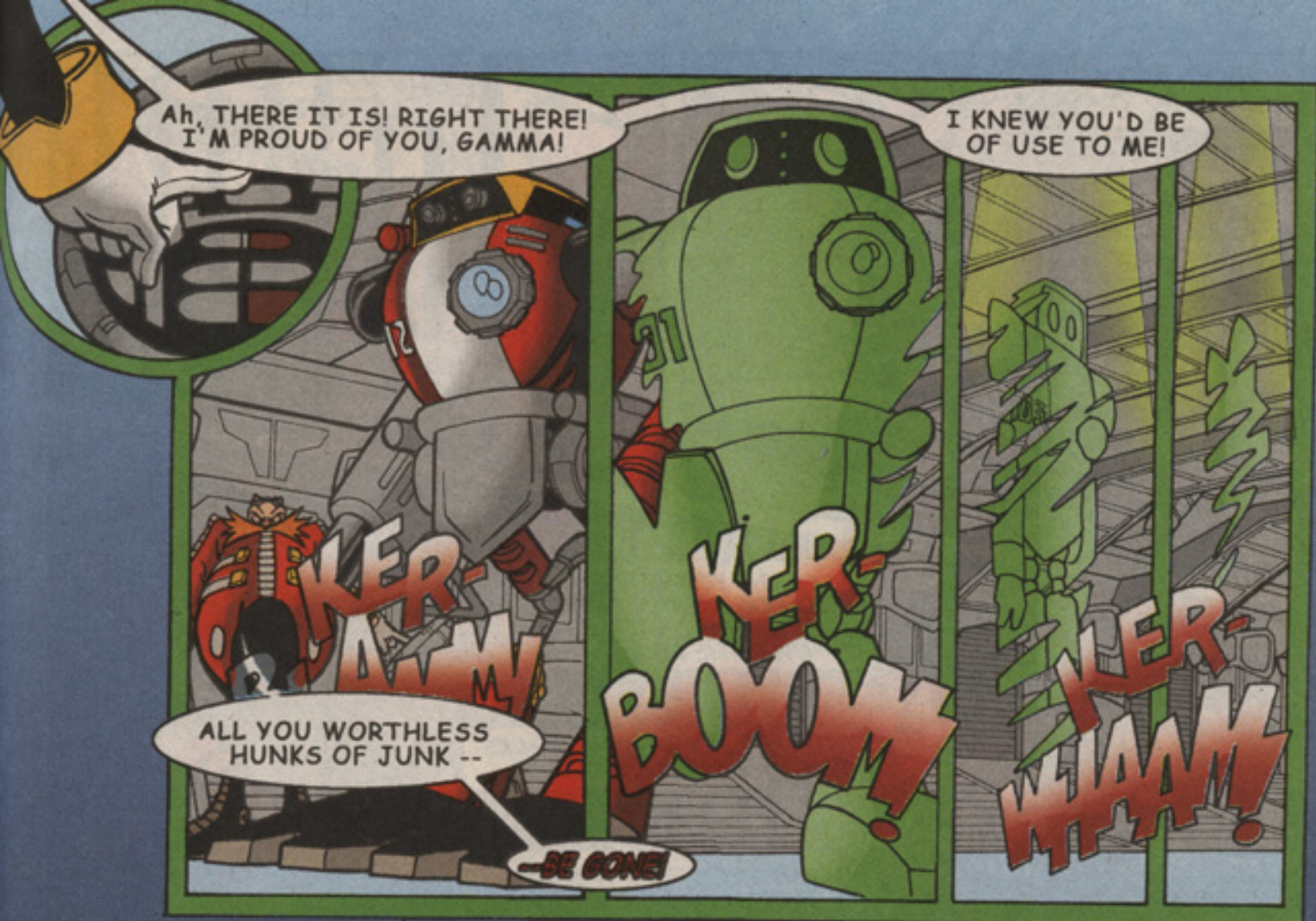
SO NOW YOU'RE OFF, ON YOUR VERY FIRST ASSIGNMENT...

FOR YOU, THERE IS NO RIGHT OR WRONG.

YOU CAN ONLY DO WHAT YOU ARE DIRECTED TO, CORRECT?

SO IT IS NO SURPRISE WHEN, HOURS LATER, YOU AND YOUR BROTHERS RETURN WITH THAT YOU WERE ORDERED TO...





Ah, THERE IT IS! RIGHT THERE!  
I'M PROUD OF YOU, GAMMA!

I KNEW YOU'D BE  
OF USE TO ME!

ALL YOU WORTHLESS  
HUNKS OF JUNK --

--BE GONE!



YOU WILL GET  
A NEW ASSIGNMENT!  
THIS ONE'S EASY!



GO TO  
THE ROOM THROUGH  
THAT LAST DOOR

ONCE THERE,  
YOU'LL FIND A GIRL  
AND A BIRD. JUST GET  
ME THAT BIRD. NOW GO.

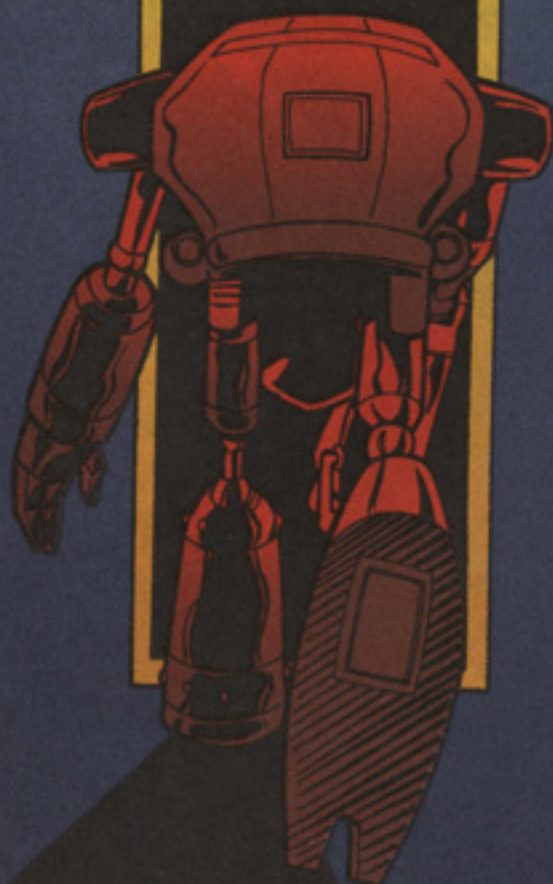
YOU LINGER FOR A WHILE.  
WHY? COULD IT BE THINKING?

MOVING ABOUT ON YOUR OWN,  
E-102? NOW THAT WAS  
DEFINITELY UNFORESEEN!

BEREFT OF YOUR PROGRAMMING,  
YOU SHOULD BE NOTHING MORE  
THAN A MINDLESS HULK--  
AN EMPTY SHELL!

CAN IT BE  
POSSIBLE--

--THAT SOMEWHERE  
UNDER THAT  
TITANIUM ALLOY  
CASING--





--LIFE STIRS  
WITHIN ?

DO YOU  
HEAR  
THAT ?

OH!

Whrrr...  
Whrrr...

AS THE YOUNG FEMALE  
HEDGEHOG SPEAKS, DEFYING  
YOUR COMMANDS TO HAND  
OVER THE BIRD...

...SOMETHING SPARKS  
IN YOUR PROGRAM.

INTERESTING. THE TONAL  
PITCH IN HER VOICE IS  
DIFFERENT--

--FROM THAT OF  
YOUR-CREATOR.

WHAT IS IT ABOUT THESE  
CREATURES THAT CAUSE YOU TO  
ACTIVATE YOUR SELF-DIAGNOSTIC  
PROGRAM ?

IS IT THE FACT THEY'RE  
SO DIFFERENT THAT  
TRIPS YOUR SENSORS ?

OR IS HE YOUR  
EVENTUAL  
EXECUTIONER ?

OR DOES YOUR  
MEMORY CIRCUITS  
EQUATE DR. ROBOTNIK'S  
ROBOTICIZATION  
OF THEIR KIND WITH  
HIS CAVALIER  
DESTRUCTION OF  
YOURS ?

AND IF SO, IS IT TRULY  
POSSIBLE YOU THINK--



--THEREFORE YOU ARE?

SUDDENLY EVERYTHING  
SEEMS SO CLEAR AND YET  
YOU SHOW SIGNS--

--OF MALFUNCTION.

WHOA!

SKRUNCH!

Flicky!

CONGRATULATIONS, E-102. YOU HAVE  
NOW SURPASSED THE SLIM TOTAL  
OF YOUR PROGRAMMING!

NOW THAT YOU'RE CAPABLE  
OF EXPERIENCING LOSS  
AND REGRET, HOW DOES IT  
FEEL TO BE SENTIENT?

SHE EXPRESSES GRATITUDE--  
AND SOON AFTER YOU ARE  
COMMANDED TO GO TO  
THE DECK.

FOR THE MOMENT,  
YOU OBEY.

To be continued  
in Sonic Super  
Special #13



# SONIC-GRAMS



**OFF PANEL**

**by Gallagher, Manak & Amash**

## THIS JUST IN!

Welcome to the fourth installment of our adaptation of "SONIC ADVENTURE!" Actually, when I come to think about it, I should really be calling it the fourth PRE-adaptation. The real adaptation is coming in about two weeks with the debut of SONIC SUPER SPECIAL #13! As discussed last issue, I was telling you how we went about merging the differences between the game and the comic. Among those discussed, 1) Sonic's longer quills and green eyes, 2) Amy Rose as a teenager and 3) Dr. Robotnik's new look. This month, I'll tell you about how we managed to include the supporting cast since they don't even exist in the game, as well as explain the humans in a 1990's New York City setting.



First off, since the game concentrates on only the main characters, I treated the comic book the same way but spotlighted the supporting characters helping out from behind the scenes. So that, in itself, was not too difficult. However, the humans in a NYC environment was. We didn't want to do a time travel story since that has been done to death plenty of times. Nor did we want to do a zone story since we've been doing those, too. No... we had to come up with something we haven't done before. So I came up with the "hidden city" concept cut off from the rest of the world. I know it's not an original concept (not by a long shot), but we hadn't done it in a Sonic story in a long time, so that's what we went with. And there you go. That's the wrap-up. See you in two weeks -- so until then...

**J.F. GABRIE**  
EDITOR / ART DIRECTOR

**Catch you on the flip side!**

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1) These are the same echidnas who would later journey to Downunda, build the city of Echidnaopolis, and levitate the Floating Island.

Sonic and gang.

What's up? Issue #77 was great. I never expected King Acorn to congratulate Sonic for what he did. Tales of the Great War, Part 5 was great too. Too bad for Jules, though. I've got some questions now: 1) Is Amy older than Tails? 2) Who's the youngest Freedom Fighter? 3) Is Amadeus in any way related to Tails? 4) Will Tails get his own mini-series again? 5) Do Hershey and St. John like each other? That's all for now. Good luck in the future and good work so far!

Jennifer Flores / Ventura, CA

We never expected King Max's emotional turnaround either, Jennifer. Guess the King is full of a few surprises every now and then. Now, to answer your inquiries: 1) No. Uhh...wait a sec! Amy and Tails were both the same age until she absorbed the energy from the Ring of Acorns in SONIC #79. Now, she's older, and 2) Tails has now become the youngest official Freedom Fighter. 3) Amadeus was Tails' father. 4) There are currently no plans for another mini-series featuring our favorite fox-- the SONIC ADVENTURE adaptation is keeping him very busy. 5) We'd say to keep a close eye on Hershey and Geoffrey both!

Dear Sonic-Grams,

I really like your comic magazine. It rocks! Anyway, I'm going to ask a couple of questions: 1) How did Miles Prower get his two tails? 2) Where do power rings get their power? 3) Are Knothole and Robotropolis the only cities in the Kingdom of Acorn?

Derek Bretz / Aldrich, MN

Who are we to argue with the wisdom of Derek? This comic rocks! 1) Tails was born that way. 2) Power rings can be powered either by Chaos Emeralds or Super Emeralds. 3) As of issue #78, the Kingdom of Acorn was officially Knothole Kingdom, and includes Knothole itself.

## COMING ATTRACTIONS

**Next Month:** THE OFFICIAL GAME ADAPTATION OF THE NEW SEGA DREAMCAST'S "SONIC ADVENTURE" is here! It includes 48 pages of Dreamcast fun as Sonic, Tails, Knuckles, and Amy Rose team up against Doctor Robotnik, as he quests to make Chaos the most powerful being on the planet! Get it? Got it? Good! Story by Bollers & Penders with Art by Lim & Pepoy. See ya there and beware the water-beast Chaos!

**SONIC SUPER SPECIAL #13 on sale late March 2000!**



Dear Sonic-Grams,

Hey! I really like your comics a lot! Sonic's comics are really cool (though KNUCKLES is still my all-time favorite). I was just wondering how come you guys changed Sonic's character design? I thought it looked (I mean, he looked) way better with his other one and I know a lot of people agree with me (some don't, but a lot do). Why the change? Also, I know the KNUCKLES comic got cancelled (boo-hoo!) and I was wondering if he'd be making frequent appearances in SONIC. Is Knuckles' design going to change also? I hope not. Well, that's it for now. Hope to hear from ya!

Erynne Jones / Upland, CA

Sonic, Tails, and Amy's new designs are based on their new look in the SEGA DREAMCAST SONIC ADVENTURE video game. Over the years, we've shifted more toward the continuity from the ABC Saturday morning cartoon to please fans of that show. Now, we'd like to incorporate something for the game lovers, as well. KNUCKLES is now a regular SONIC feature, Erynne (hip-hip-hooray!).

Dear Sonic-Grams,

I loved #77. Ro "butt"nik is still sick and the king is pleased! Question time: 1) Back in issue #51, who sent you the virtual reality medal? 2) Will the new or old Robotnik take over the new Robotropolis? 3) In SONIC SUPER SPECIAL #11, I've seen Uncle Chuck. Will he ever have his freedom again? That's all, and thanks for your cooperation!

Tom McMahon / Tewksbury, MA

1) The VR medal was the handiwork of the new Robotnik, but Sonic doesn't know that yet (so don't tell him, okay?) 2) The new Robotnik is definitely in charge of Robotropolis. 3) Even we don't have an answer to that, Tom, but thanks for asking!

Dear Sonic-Grams,

I really like issue #77! Lately, I decided to

get a 12-issue subscription. I have a few questions for you: 1) I missed SONIC #75. Who was behind Robotnik's mask? 2) What happened in Tales of the Great War, Part 4? 3) What happened in Sonic #76? I also have five Sonic and Tails video games!

James Deal / Ashburn, VA

Glad you decided to save for a 12-issue subscription, James. It's a great way not to miss out on issues. 1) Robo-Robotnik was the meanie behind the mask. 2) A battle was fought between the Mobians and the Overlanders, Robotnik's brother was introduced, we saw Hershey's mom, and King Max made Julian his warlord. 3) Sonic and the Freedom Fighters returned to Robotropolis and teamed with Snively against Robo-Robotnik.

Dear Archie Comics,

Should I color the Sonic drawings I send, or will you? I have two very well drawn pictures by me. First, I'll show my friend's picture, then I'll send one to you.

Travis William Hobley / Edwards, CA

The coloring is up to you, Travis, so get out your Crayolas, okay?

**We appreciate your comments on SONIC #77 & #78. See you in thirty as we review SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #79. And remember...**

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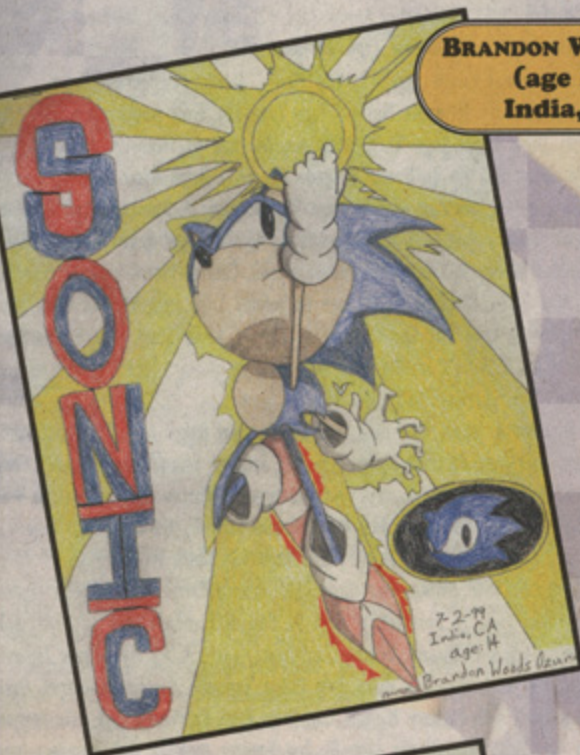
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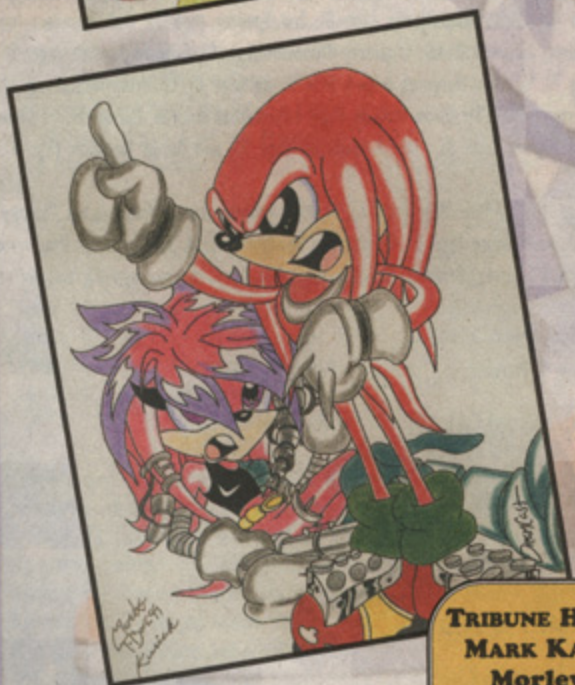
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